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## NEW MEXICO HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

Mines and Ranches of the Sunshine State Produce Greater Wealth Than Ever Before

### CARRIZO A PROSPEROUS AND GROWING TOWN

New Mexico has just closed her most prosperous year since the Spaniards rode up the Rio Grande from New Spain and planted the flag of the Kingdom on her soil, according to the El Paso Herald of January 23d.

No other state in the union, save California, can boast of such diversified wealth as can New Mexico. Mines, farms, ranches and factories all yield their quota of the state's great wealth. A treasure chest of precious and base metals, New Mexico has become a great mining state. This development has approached the size of a boom during the past, war-torn year for the demands for ores has been so great that in every part of the state, mines have been reopened, new prospects developed, old workings which have been abandoned since the "crisis of '73" have been worked to capacity and thousands of tons of minerals, shipped out of the state in exchange for the gold of the European warring countries.

#### MINES HER PRIDE

New Mexico's mining development during the past 12 months has, perhaps been her greatest pride. Train after train of concentrates have been shipped from the Chino mines of Southern New Mexico to the El Paso smelter, to be roasted into copper for the allies. Tungsten suddenly made a semi-precious metal by its scarcity and the demand for its use in war, has been taken from the mines and dumps of the White Oaks district. "Mighty Five" mine, near Lordsburg, has built a special railroad branch line to get its copper and other mineral products to market, while the great Burro Mountain, Mogollon and Socorro county mineralized district have been shipping.

#### COAL AT WHITE OAKS

The Weightman Syndicate is now preparing to develop these mines to their capacity, while the Phelps-Dodge company, searching for new coal deposits to develop, have field engineers making survey and reports on the White Mountain coal districts which are of known value and extent.

At Red Rock, New Mexico a silver strike which is reported to run 3000 ounces to the ton, has been made during the year while the Black Range, the Jarillas and the Magdalena, Kelly, Kingman, Pinos Altos, Hanover, Santa Rita, Tyrone and Hurley mines have been producing as they never produced before. The Chino Copper Co., is eating up a living mountain near Hurley and shipping the copper ore to Santa Rita to be converted into sloppy, wet concentrates which are shipped in closed steel cars to El Paso smelter for smelting.

#### CARRIZO A PROSPEROUS TOWN

New Mexico does not confine her development to any one particular section of the state, but in every

district there are a number of rapidly growing communities which have their own peculiar reason for development. Tucumcari, the county seat of Quay county, is one of these. It is a cattle section, has a fiber plant which manufactures fiber from the bear grass of the plain, is a dairying community and a railroad division point for the El Paso & Southwestern. Santa Rosa, Tucumcari's neighbor, is another thriving community. Carrizozo is growing rapidly and is becoming more a railroad and cattle center. It boasts of a fine railroad club house and has a number of new business buildings, as well as a new courthouse for Lincoln county erected there.

#### COAL PRODUCTION

Coal mining in northern New Mexico has become of equal importance because of the demand for coal in smelting and concentrating the ores. One company the Swastika coal company, has arranged to install a complete wireless system to connect all of its mines and selling agencies, including El Paso, in order that its greatly increased volume of business may be handled more expeditiously. The Dawson mines continue to pour out their stores of coal and coke which are shipped to Douglas in the smelters of the Phelps Dodge company and sold throughout the southwest. At San Antonio, New Mexico, the mines are also being worked extensively for coal while the White Oaks district has a number of coal mines in operation, one feeding an electric plant which supplies power to the nearby towns and mines.

#### OTHER SOURCES OF WEALTH

But mineralized New Mexico is only one segment of the total arch of wealth which supports this wonder state of the southwest. In agricultural and stock raising pursuits, New Mexico equals the wonderful outputs of its mines. In the wonderfully fertile valley of the Rio Grande, from the Elephant Butte dam to El Paso, in the fertile Pecos valley with its irrigation system and its flowing wells, in the rich alluvial plains of central New Mexico, in the Mimbres valley and in thousands of little valleys and plains throughout the state, farmers and stock raisers are producing their natural wealth, shipping it to market each year and banking the proceeds as a part of New Mexico's firm, financial fortune.

#### NEW FRATERNAL ORDER

J. B. Savage and J. Elmore of Roswell have been in Carrizozo for the past week organizing the Pretorians, a fraternal insurance society with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. The Pretorians is a well known and reliable insurance order, and many of the Carrizozo people have made application for membership. The lodge will be organized tomorrow evening.

#### MRS. KIMBELL ENTERTAINS

Mrs. J. F. Kimbell entertained the Auction Bridge Club at her home last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Nelson of El Paso who is visiting at the Kimbell home was the guest of honor. A two course luncheon was served and a pleasant afternoon was had.

## MRS. GUMM DOING GREAT WORK

Widely Scattered Schools are Given Excellent Attention and Rapid Strides Have Been Made in Education

### COUNTY TEACHERS AND THEIR SALARIES

Mrs. Wallace Gumm, superintendent of schools of Lincoln county, is accomplishing noteworthy work in the rural communities and widely scattered as well as sparsely populated mining camps of the county.

Lincoln County has thirty-three districts, three of which have just been created. Twenty-five of these have one building each: four have two buildings, one has three buildings. Twenty buildings has one room each, six has two rooms, two four rooms and two eight rooms. Of the total of thirty-six buildings, twenty eight has one room each, five has two rooms, one has three rooms, one seven rooms and one eight rooms, all except four buildings being owned. In one district, one school building is out of repairs, in two districts the buildings are rented, and in one district, one building is rented and one owned. Two of the buildings are in excellent condition, eight are good, seventeen fair, nine poor, fifteen are of adobe, four of logs, eight are frame, three of stone, two of brick, one of cement and one of jacal.

The value of the school property in the county is \$63,245, the sites being valued at \$1,895; the buildings at \$53,450; furnishings at \$7,900; the eight libraries having 370 books valued at \$370. Not only has Lincoln county, like four other counties in the state, a woman superintendent, but it has thirteen women on its school boards. In three districts all the members are women and in one district, two members, that is the majority, are women. Carrizozo has one school building, the property being valued at \$16,800; Capitan has a \$200 site, a \$12,000 building which houses the county high school and furnishings valued at \$13,825.

#### TEACHERS AND THEIR SALARIES

Lincoln County had in 1914-15 term fifty-five teachers, thirteen men and forty-two women. Two held life certificates, two had professional certificates, thirty four first grade certificates, thirteen second grade and four third grade. Their average monthly salary was \$67.40, average annual salary \$487.50, the women averaging \$449.10 and the men \$613.08—one teacher, the principal at Capitan, receives \$1,295; the principal at Carrizozo \$1,125; one \$925, one \$900, one \$740, two \$720, four \$675, one \$649, three \$630, one \$600, one \$575; two \$540, three \$525, two \$477.25, one \$455, two \$450, two \$420, three \$400, four \$375, one \$360, three \$350, two \$300, two \$275, six \$250, one \$225, one \$200 and one \$150.

The average school term was 7.09 months, three schools having 9 1-4 months, fourteen 9 months, six 8 months, two 7 1-4 months, ten 6 1-4 months, four six months, twelve 5 months, one 4 months and one

3 months.

#### CENSUS, ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Lincoln county has 2,446 persons between the ages of 5 and 21 years of whom 421 are at Carrizozo and 146 at Capitan, the enrollment is 1,926, Carrizozo 353, Capitan 170; average daily attendance 1,471, Carrizozo 258, Capitan 101. The enrollment by grades is: Primary 412; Carrizozo 24, Capitan 42; first 421; Carrizozo 78, Capitan 18; second 392; Carrizozo 56, Capitan 10; third 194, Carrizozo 35, Capitan 20; fourth 161, Carrizozo 30, Capitan 18; fifth 153; Carrizozo 18, Capitan 15; sixth 123; Carrizozo 29, Capitan 11; seventh 86; Carrizozo 33, Capitan 9; eighth 48; Carrizozo 11, Capitan 4; ninth 41; Carrizozo and Capitan 16 each; tenth 25; Carrizozo 10, Capitan 6; eleventh 3; Carrizozo 2, Capitan 1; twelfth 6 Carrizozo 5, Capitan 1.

#### ENTERTAINS PASTIME CLUB

The Pastimers met on Friday afternoon of last week with Mrs. Walter W. Wanner and the meeting proved a genuine season of social enjoyment. The time was spent in fancy work and a geographical contest prepared especially for this occasion, added much to the success of the afternoon. Mrs. R. T. Cribb sustaining her reputation as a successful contestant in this kind of problems. And last but far from least the appetizing lunch served on the popular Cafeteria plan. Baked beans, bread and butter, doughnuts and coffee composed the menu. Besides the regular membership, Mesdames Bowling, Shinn, Stridham, McElrath and Kelley were present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. John E. Bell.

#### FORGER APPREHENDED

Undersheriff John B. Baird who went to Douglas, Arizona, the first of the week to bring back one R. J. Reynolds, wanted here for forgery returned Wednesday evening with his prisoner.

Reynolds, who left here about two months ago after forging the name of Joe White, for whom he had been working, to several checks ranging in amounts from \$10 to \$20 which were cashed by the local business men, went to Douglas where he secured employment, going under the name of P. S. Decker, which he now admits is his real name. He was arrested there several days ago on advice from the local authorities who have been working on the case since he made his untimely get away.

At a preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Ed. Massie, Reynolds plead guilty. His bond was fixed at \$1000, in default of which he was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

#### COMPLETES ASSESSMENT WORK

W. G. Thornborrow who has been here for the past several weeks doing assessment work on his mining property near Nogal Peak, returned to his home at Canton, Ill., Monday evening.

#### A MASTER PIECE

We dished up a masterpiece of an editorial on the European war yesterday, but the office devil dissented from our views and dumped it into the waste basket. He accepted our apology and peace was restored without gore.

## CARRIZO SHOULD NOT BE A DARK TOWN

Street Lights and Sidewalks Should be the Paramount Issue With Those Who Are Interested in Town's Future

### QUESTION OF INCORPORATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

Light has ever been the symbol of those things in life most worth while. The low and mean things find the cover of darkness their best protector; the good and beautiful seeks the life-giving light. During the process of the world's creation a stage of development existed in which "the earth was without form and void and darkness covered the face of the deep. Then the Master Creator spoke the word and the life giving light burst in glory upon the world to make it a fit place for the existence of man, the lower animals and plant life of all kinds.

So it seems to us a truism which can admit of no argument that the provision which a town makes for the lighting of its streets is a pretty good indicator to what kind of a town it is and what is the chance for the prevention of depredations upon the business men of the place.

Cities have spent fabulous sums upon Great White Ways and have vied with each other to excel in the brilliance of the down town district. Conservative business men have given ready support because the idea of light to them had something more substantial than a purely esthetic value—it meant an inevitable profit in dollars and cents—an investment purely "git edge" in its outcome.

Carrizozo may not be ready to install a great white way, but a few wisely placed street lights in the business district will work wonders in the improvement of the town. Not much farsightedness is required to see that a dollar will buy more genuine and substantial assets in future development in street lights than any other improvement possible.

Sidewalks might also be mentioned but it is extremely difficult to keep on a broad sidewalk on a pitch-dark night even though the pedestrian is perfectly O. K., in every other respect. We speak advisedly.

And this leads us right into the question of incorporation. We are inclined to believe that opposition to this much-to-be desired step in Carrizozo's growth is now practically nil. The only thing needed now is organization and action—a crystallization of plans which have been for one reason or another deferred at least three years too long. The people of Carrizozo who control its business interests and the owners of property are willing to pay city taxes that these all important improvements may be facilitated and carried out in a logical and systematic way; so let us unite our efforts and see Carrizozo come into her own and take her merited place in the ranks of New Mexico's thriving municipalities.